

REMARKS

Amendments to Claims

Applicants have canceled Claims directed to non-elected subject matter and have amended Claim 6 to correct an inadvertent typographical error. No new matter has been added. Entry is respectfully requested.

Election in Response to Restriction Requirement

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated July 17, 2003, the claims of Group I (Claims 1, 5-9, 51 and 55), drawn to methods of pathogenic identification and infection diagnosis, are elected for prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

Responsive to the requirement for an election of species for searching purposes, Applicant hereby elects Specie A, methods involving a nucleic acid, as the species. Claims readable on the elected species are 1, 5-9 and 51.

Respectfully submitted,

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